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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. WOVEN PERFORMANCE OUTERWEAR PANTS.**

4 (a) EVALUATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRIC-  
5 TIONS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
7 provision of law, quantitative restrictions shall not  
8 apply to imports of woven performance outerwear  
9 pants described in paragraph (2) and classifiable in  
10 subheading 6203.43.35, 6204.63.30, 6210.40.50, or

1       6210.50.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of  
2       the United States to the extent entry of such pants  
3       is claimed under the column 1 general rate of duty  
4       of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule.

5               (2) DESCRIPTION OF PERFORMANCE OUTER-  
6       WEAR PANTS.—

7               (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “performance  
8       outerwear pants” means ankle length pants, of  
9       water-resistant or coated synthetic fiber fabrics,  
10      that have 2 or more of the following:

11              (i) Side openings.

12              (ii) Sealed seams at the front (up to  
13      the zipper or other means of closure) and  
14      back rise.

15              (iii) Insulation for cold or inclement  
16      weather protection.

17              (iv) At least one pocket with a means  
18      of closure (zippered or hood and look en-  
19      closed pockets, or other type of enclosed  
20      pockets).

21              (v) Scuff guards.

22              (vi) Elasticized or drawstring weather  
23      closure around the waist or ankles.

24              (vii) Articulated knees, or reinforce-  
25      ment in the seat or knees.

1 (B) COATED SYNTHETIC FABRICS.—The  
2 term “coated synthetic fabrics” includes com-  
3 posite fabrics where the coating is consistently  
4 visible in the cross section.

5 (C) SEALED SEAMS.—The term “sealed  
6 seams” means seams that are sealed by means  
7 of taping, gluing, bonding, cementing, or simi-  
8 lar processes for the purpose of waterproofing.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) applies to  
10 goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consump-  
11 tion, on or after the 30th day after the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act.

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